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Yipes! Been nearly a month I think since I last sent out one my "gems of knowledge." Let's begin:

- 1) Verification for Cause - Recently, concerns have been raised about school district employees allegedly misrepresenting their incomes on applications to receive free or reduced price school meals for their children. As a result, FNS has been asked whether or not a Local Educational Agency (LEA) may use the salary information of their own employees, maintained for business purposes, as a tool to implement verification for cause and help ensure the integrity of free and reduced price certifications. This memorandum clarifies the use of verification for cause by LEAs in this manner:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/Policy-Memos/2012/SP13-2012os.pdf>.
- 2) Social Media Updates - Creative Entree Competition Offers up \$400 to Your Marketing Budget. Come up with your best, creative entree names that students at your schools can't resist. Enter to win!
<http://woobox.com/6byasb>. Join the online conversation - like Michigan Team Nutrition on Facebook: www.facebook.com/michiganteamnutrition and follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/TeamNutritionMI>.
- 3) Fall Team Nutrition E-Newsletter – Attached is a memo from USDA with a lot of resources available for Nutrition Education. Check it out....it has lots of useful information.
- 4) Completing the SNP Application on MEGS+ - Please note, on the Pre-Award Civil Rights Compliance Review page, it is listed as needing %. Actually we need numbers, and not a percentage. Could you please change the information that you have listed to reflect the actual number of students and adult staff, instead of a percentage? The total in #1 Race Enrollment should equal the total in #1 Ethnic Enrollment, for both students and adults. Thanks.
- 5) Civil Rights Compliance - For important information on civil rights compliance requirements for participation in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, and Special Milk Program, please see Food Service Administrative Policy No. 3 - School Year 2013 - 2014 at the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Administrative_Policy_No_3_Civil_Rights_Compliance_Requirements_432151_7.pdf.
- 6) On-Site Reviews - For information on School Food Authority self-monitoring for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and

Afterschool Snack Program, please see Food Service Administrative Policy No. 4 – SY 2013-2014 at the following link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Administrative_Policy_No_4_SFA_Self_Monitoring_2013-14_432584_7.pdf .

- 7) Team Nutrition Video - Watch MI Team Nutrition Video highlight how Grand Ledge's St. Michaels students take the Vegetable Madness challenge
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxmZGkkZgeM&feature=share&list=PLaqD6X6pQgmJk6n1ulPxrDBZz9Ah8BeDH>.
- 8) September Claims - Just a reminder - no September claims will be available until the 2014 SNP application is approved and certified. There are only a few days until you will want to start submitting that claim. The earlier you complete your 2014 application, the earlier you will be able to submit claims. It will take time to review and approve the nearly 1,000 applications we will receive.
- 9) Farm to School - Attached is an email with a lot of information for all of the different Farm to School activities. Using local farmers in your programs to provide fresh fruits and vegetables is a great thing for all parties involved – you, students, farmers, Michigan economy.

Until next time.....

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